

Hodge Announces Retirement After 31 Years at NSCO

Veteran of thirty-one years of active service with the National Supply Company, Arthur J. Hodge, manager of the estimating department, recently announced his retirement to private life.

Hodge has lived in California sixty years, moving here from Minnesota in 1887. Before coming to the National Supply Company in 1916 he was engaged in mechanical and electrical engineering and the development and manufacturing of many commodities. In 1902 he founded the Reliance Gas Regulator Corporation of Alhambra.

Married in 1901, Hodge and his wife Jennie have four children: Esther Cook of Van Nuys, Arthur O. A. Hodge of Bakersfield, Marian Carpenter, wife of Harold H. Carpenter of National Supply and Alice Barton of Long Beach.

Radio Program Schedules Louis Zamperini Friday

It was reported this week that Capt. Louis Zamperini of Torrance will be the guest of a feature commentator on an ABC network broadcast over station KECA tomorrow morning at 10:15.

The local World War II veteran, one of the greatest track stars in the history of the west coast, will appear in a 15-minute program featuring his life story and experience both in athletics and in the war.

Zamperini was on a life raft in the Pacific for 47 days after his plane crashed, and was picked up by the Japanese and interned in a Jap prison camp for the duration of the conflict.

Torrance Schools Being Prepared For Fall Opening

Books, chairs, desks, tables and other equipment are now streaming into Torrance schools as workers prepare them for the September 15th opening.

Over 1,000 books, 500 auditorium chairs, 350 kindergarten chairs, numerous library tables have arrived during the past week. At the same time a floor maintenance program is underway which will refinish classroom floors in the four schools. Thus far this work has been completed at Perry and Walteria.

Principal's offices have been fully equipped recently with desks, chairs, typewriters and file cabinets.

VACCINATE FOR FOWL. Young pullets which normally will begin laying from late July to September or October should be vaccinated for fowl pox now. If not vaccinated and fowl pox should develop in the flock, the normal high production from a flock of young layers will probably be reduced from a possible 70 per cent to from 25 to 40 per cent.

South Bay Water Problem Awaits Action By L. A. Metropolitan Board

Assurance of an adequate future water supply for residents of South Bay communities and Lomita was further delayed last week as the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California cancelled a meeting scheduled for Friday.

The board was to hear a report by the Metropolitan's legal committee on the "Feasibility of Dispensing Water" by Contract, in an effort to decide whether or not to approve formation of the new South Bay water district.

Supporters of the new district feel that a contract plan will prove unworkable and are awaiting a decision by the board before they can circulate petitions calling for annexation.

The proposed district has been designated "The West Basin Municipal Water District" and includes in main Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Lennox and Lawndale.

Recently the Metropolitan board agreed to spend \$1,600,000 of Metropolitan money to construct a feeder main running within the limits of the proposed annexation provided the formation is approved and passes the electorate. This action by the board would bring water sufficiently close to permit local distributing agencies to provide for their consumers in the heavily populated South Bay area.

The possibility of a new district arouses speculation as to whether residents of Hollywood Riviera and other points in Southwest Torrance might not find a solution to their water problem. Although officially a part of the Metropolitan district with Torrance, Hollywood Riviera is not close enough to Metropolitan mains to permit connection and thus has been forced to rely on private well water.

Torrance Youth Injured In Fall From Store Roof

Roy McDonell, 21, of 22733 South Main Street, Torrance, was critically injured when he walked off the roof of the new Bullock's Department Store building at Lake Avenue and Delmar Street, early Friday. He was rushed to the Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena, where he was found to have sustained a possible skull fracture, internal injuries and bruises.

He was inspecting the construction work at the time of the accident.

McDonnell fell about 12 feet onto the floor of an adjoining building, police said.

VA DISCONTINUES CENTER'S CONTACT REPRESENTATIVES

On account of the Veterans Administration's budget being trimmed, it is necessary to discontinue the contact representative who has been assigned to various service centers in Southern California.

The sinking water level and danger of pollution from the nearby ocean has prompted those affected to seek a new source. There is hope, provided the new district goes through, that an arrangement may be made to tap on to adjacent communities which are a part of the new district and receive Metropolitan water through their mains.

Army Enlistments In Torrance Are Meeting Quotas

Many young men of Torrance, recognizing the opportunities to be found there, are now turning to the new Regular Army.

As a result enlistments in the Torrance-Lomita area have met their quota during the six weeks following the re-opening of the Army Recruiting Office in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce building. Master Sergeants James R. Callison and Robert E. Kyle, who service this area report a marked change in attitude during the short time they have been here. According to Callison, first efforts at publicizing the army were met by only mild interest but the reaction is now one of enthusiasm as merchants and other civic leaders have given full support to the program.

Recent high school graduates are being particularly appealed to at this time due to the uncertainty of economic conditions and the difficulty of getting into colleges. Army schools offer a wide range of instruction, for those qualified.

The proposed plan for streamlining the army, which will go into effect next March, is added inducement for many. Among the planned changes are automatic promotions to private first class and corporal after six and twelve months of satisfactory service.

Recently the War Department decided to accept men of 22 or older into the Combat Intelligence Corps. Men accepted for this work are sent to Holabrid Signal Depot in Maryland for intensive training before being assigned as undercover agents or special investigators abroad or in this country.

After preliminary tests at the local recruiting office, the prospective soldier is sent to Fort MacArthur for processing and basic training assignment. Numerous schools have been formed throughout the United States to train soldiers in the jobs they are best equipped to fill. These include communications, radio, administration, photography and meteorology.

Police Searching For Brother Of Suicide in L. A.

Torrance police this week were requested by the County Coroner's office to try to locate one Earl M. Harrington, reported to be living somewhere in Walteria, to notify him of the death by suicide of his sister Lillian Richards of 237 W. 26th St., Los Angeles, Saturday.

The local department reported that it was unable to locate Harrington, but was continuing the search.

MICHIGAN GROUP PLANS ALL-DAY GATHERING IN L. A.

The Michigan Association of California will hold an all-day gathering Saturday, Aug. 16, in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles, according to Dr. Floyd I. Beckwith, president.

The program will feature an address by former Chief Justice of Superior Court in the Philippines, Judge George A. Malcolm.

DAIRY MASTITIS

Reaction to the mastitis control program started in May in Los Angeles County dairy herds has been so great that no further applications are being accepted until the 80 odd herds now on the list for treatment are checked to determine the presence or absence of the disease and treatment is started.



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